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Joanne Randall, Chairman  
Epsom Board of Selectmen  
PO Box 10  
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Dear Ms. Randall:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for a discussion of the Suncook River on July 19. Although I am not able to attend on that evening, I remain committed to working with you to address these issues. I have asked the Department of Environmental (DES) Services and the Department of Safety to attend the meeting on July 19 and provide an update.

As you know, the State Agencies have been working with my office since the last FEMA grant was denied to develop a plan of action for how we can move forward to address issues on the Suncook River. I would ask that you provide time on your agenda for the Departments to brief you on the plan we have developed and on the Capital Budget proposal that they have submitted. I know that DES has reached out to the communities to set up a meeting on this topic and it seems that your meeting on July 19 would provide a good venue for discussion.

Though we have not yet been successful in efforts to secure full river-stabilization funding from FEMA, I am pleased that the state has been able to work collaboratively with the Town on those grant applications. We have recently received \$450,000 in FEMA funding, and the State has also provided the local match for buyout programs in Allenstown. It is important that we coordinate our efforts as we move forward, and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

John H. Lynch  
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